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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State

SUBJECT: The Resistance Estimate and Country
Annexes

1. General Schow has informed me that he has an urgent requirement for coordinated -- though not necessarily IAC approved -- country studies on resistance. The Director of Central Intelligence agrees that such studies should be done.

2. It is my belief that the IAC is unanimous in desiring an estimate on resistance in the Bloc similar to NIC 10-55: "Anti-Communist Resistance Potential in the Sino-Soviet Bloc" (12 April 1955).

3. The following compromise solution suggests itself as the most effective and equitable division of labor:

A. My office to draft and coordinate with the IAC agency representatives a terms of reference to cover both the estimate and the country studies noted above.

B. Written contributions to be solicited from all appropriate parts of the intelligence community. Including the clandestine services of this agency.

C. CIA to furnish the person or persons to draft the country studies.

D. The RIG to act as the inter-agency coordinating committee on these draft country studies. Presumably the Chairman of RIG would chair these sessions. My office can underwrite reproduction and dissemination of drafts, if this seems desirable. General Schow does not require full formal IAC action and I will strongly urge that the IAC do no more than "note" the finished texts.

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E. These country studies will be used by my office as a basis for the draft estimate. It will be handled as a regular NIE, including IAC clearance.

F. If the IAC feels that this procedure would unduly delay the appearance of the estimate, the estimate would not have to await the completion of the country studies but, as in the case of all other estimates, rest upon the contributions. Offhand, I believe that this is less desirable a procedure than the one suggested above for the reason that the RIC coordinating sessions will probably develop new and pertinent information not included in the contributions.

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